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FM AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

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INFO AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MARR, HU

SUBJECT: GOH-GVN DIFFICULTIES OVER FLIGHT CLEARANCE

1. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT EMBASSY SAIGON APPROACH GVN FOR CLARIFICATION REGARDING STATUS OF GOH'S REQUEST FOR FLIGHT CLEARANCE FOR MALEV AIRLINER. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE SPELLING OUT OF PROCEDURES NEEDED TO SECURE APPROVAL FOR FLIGHT AND PROMPT ARRIVAL OF HUNGDEL ICCS MEMBERS.

2. EMBOFF CALLED AT FORMIN NOV 5 TO RECEIVE ORAL EXPRESSION OF GOH "CONCERN" OVER GVN'S ALLEGED REFUSAL TO CLEAR HUNGARIAN AIRCRAFT CARRYING CIVILIAN AND MILITARY PERSONNEL AS PART OF ANNUAL ROTATION HUNGDEL ICCS. FORMIN OFFICIAL SAID REQUEST FOR FLIGHT CLEARANCE DELIVERED TO GVN FORMIN ICCS LIAISON OFFICE ON OCT. 27, BUT NOTE RETURNED ON OCT. 30 WITH DEMAND THAT PASSENGER LIST ACCOMPANY ORIGINAL REQUEST.

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3. GOH SPOKESMAN PROFESSED ASTONISHMENT AT REQUEST, WHICH HE LABELED INCONSISTENT WITH SPIRIT OF PARIS AGREEMENTS, AND ASKED THAT USG INTERVENE IN MATTER. HE TURNED OVER WRITTEN NOTE REQUESTING USG ASSISTANCE IN CLEARING MALEV AIRCRAFT, DUE TO ARRIVE IN SAIGON NOV. 28. (DETAILS FOLLOW IN SEPTTEL)

4. POINTING OUT THAT ALL PREVIOUS REQUESTS FOR CLEARANCE HAD BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY PASSENGER LIST EMBOFF SAID GVN PROBABLY PUZZLED BY DEVIATION FROM ESTABLISHED PRACTICE, AND NOT ENGAGED IN ATTEMPT TO HARRASS HUNGDEL. RESPONDING TO QUESTION, FORMIN OFFICIAL STATED THAT PASSENGER LIST WOULD BE READY WITHIN WEEK. HE CONCEDED PROBLEM MIGHT BE MORE BUREAUCRATIC THAN POLITICAL, ADDING THAT MATTER SHOULD BE HANDLED IN SUCH FASION AS TO AVOID RECRIMINATION.

5. FORMIN SOURCE STATED DIFFICULTY AROSE FROM ORAL DEMAND BY GVN THAT FULL MONTH NOTICE BE GIVEN FOR FLIGHT CLEARANCE. SAID GOH'S OCT 27 REQUEST WAS ATTEMPT TO COMPLY WITH DEMAND, BUT IT IMPOSSIBLE TO GIVE COMPLETE PASSENGER LIST SO FAR IN ADVANCE. SAID THAT THIS FIRST ATTEMPT TO GO DIRECTLY THROUGH GVN FOR FLIGHT CLEARANCE. SINCE OTHER DELEGATIONS (E.G. POLISH) NOT BEING REQUIRED TO FURNISH PASSENGER LISTS MONTH IN ADVANCE FONOFF SPOKESMAN SAID REQUIRING HUNGARIANS TO DO SO HAD ALL EARMARKS OF DISCRIMINATION. ASKED US TO INTERVENE TO "CLARIFY" GVN POSITION.

6. EMBASSY'S DOCUMENTED REMINDER OF PAST CLEARNCE PROCEDURES CAUSED FONOFF TO MOVE AWAY FROM POSITION OF RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION. ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY THAT AFTER MARJAI INCIDENT GOH SEEKING TO PRESENT ITSELF AS AGGRIEVED PARTY, FONOFF, APPEARS GENUINELY CONCERNED OVER DELAYS AND OTHER DIFFICULTIES, ETC., IN GETTING ITS REPLACEMENT CONTINGENTS OUT TO VIETNAM AND TYPICALLY IS NOT CERTAIN OF ITS PROCEDURES. LUDKING IN BACK OF THEIR MINDS IS ALSO IDEA THAT GVN ENGAGING IN HARRASSMENT TACTICS. CONVERSATION ENDED WITH GOH EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION FOR US ASSISTANCE IN SEEKING CLARIFICATION FROM GVN. PEDERSEN

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